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Dear Graham:

I want to thank you for your hospitality last week. Given the reaction to some of our recruiters at other universities, I was pleasantly surprised by the low key reaction to my visit and impressed by the very courteous treatment I was accorded by the audience at the speech.

Please express my appreciation to [redacted] and others who were involved in preparations for the visit, as well as the Harvard security officials for their assistance. Everything seemed to go off without a hitch and made the visit an enjoyable and productive one for me.

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Finally, I want to thank you personally for giving me the opportunity to come to Harvard and deliver the speech. I believe it was the appropriate place for such a statement and I have been pleased by the press coverage, which, thanks to the New York Times, was fairly broad around the country. I believe that the speech was helpful to us and I had the sense that it struck a responsive chord regarding some of the dilemmas posed to the University, particularly to the extent they involved issues and choices reaching beyond CIA. All in all, things went well and I'm grateful to you for that.

Let's stay in touch.

Sincerely,



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